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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Plans)

SUBJECT : Project CHALICE  
Security Assessment, Revision

1. The purpose of this memorandum is to revise paragraph 5 of CHAL-0982-60, "Project CHALICE Security Assessment" dated 11 May 1960, which paragraph enumerated those matters which should continue to be classified CHALICE. Paragraph 3 of this memorandum contains a recommendation for your approval.

2. The following items represent a change of posture as regards the security of Project CHALICE:

a. Subparagraph 5k of CHAL-0982-60 recommended that utilization of the J-75 engine in the U-2 aircraft be classified CHALICE. By virtue of the Soviets public display of the J-75 engine in Moscow, this requirement is no longer valid.

b. Subparagraph 5g of CHAL-0982-60 recommended that "all CHALICE intelligence collection systems and the identities of manufacturers of these items; in particular our Rochester processing facility," remain classified CHALICE. Subsequent happenings have proven without a doubt that the Soviets possess the intelligence collection and aircraft protection systems involved in the 1 May 1960 overflight (B configuration camera, tracker, Systems 6 and 8 and Granger black box) in suitable condition to permit almost complete exploitation. It is inconsistent, therefore, to deny widespread utilization of this hardware (which in many instances represents significant advancement in the state-of-the-art) to the United States defense community.

These items were originally classified CHALICE because their development was by CIA in conjunction with the U-2 program and because, in varying degrees, they were indicative of the mission. Through Project intervention, some of the hardware has been utilized in one form or another by other Department of Defense consumers; therefore, in those cases, the concepts, with suitable demonstration models and performance substantiating data, may be marketed at will by the supplier without revealing their association with the U-2 program. However, in some instances, particularly in the case of the B configuration camera, this has not been possible to date.

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It is believed that the U. S. defense community would benefit from the declassification of all hardware involved in the 1 May 1960 overflight from "CHALICE" to "SECRET," with contractual procedures, [redacted] mechanisms and relationships to the U-2 program remaining "CHALICE."

This would permit the supplier to exhibit under the classification of SECRET the actual hardware, along with performance test data collected within the United States. They would not be permitted to reveal details of the contract. They would be permitted to state only that it was developed under a special contract with the Agency with details of the contract and relationships with other suppliers being withheld. It is realized that this procedure may in some cases imply affiliation with the U-2 program; however, it would have the advantage of protecting development and contractual methods which are applicable to future programs.

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c. As stated in subparagraph 4b of CHAL-0982-60 the U-2 capability of 70,000 feet and a range figure compatible with the distance between [redacted] via Sverdlovsk have been compromised as a result of the 1 May 1960 incident. As you are aware, actual maximum performance figures for the U-2 aircraft are dependent upon: type of engine, use of slipper tanks, and range-altitude interdependency. The advantages to be gained from declassification of such data from CHALICE to SECRET and thereby providing the U. S. defense community with ready access to U-2 performance data for application to other operations, greatly outweigh the operational advantage to be gained from protecting the scant margin between the maximum and that which has been compromised.

d. Subparagraph 51 of CHAL-0982-60 recommended that the photographic capability of the SAC U-2 unit at Del Rio remain classified CHALICE. This requires the maintenance of an elaborate FOG procurement mechanism at Wright-Patterson AFB in addition to a requirement that a substantial number of participants in the SAC program be cleared DUE DATE by the Air Force and CHALICE by the Agency. The intelligence reconnaissance capability of the U-2 aircraft has been compromised. There is no substantial advantage to the maintenance of this capability as CHALICE classified.

3. It is recommended, therefore, that the following represent a statement of those matters which continue to be classified CHALICE:

a. All future CHALICE activity.

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c. Extent of past CHALICE activity (with the provision that the ANC may, in those instances where it serves the best interests of the U. S. defense community, release certain product information in a manner so as not to divulge complete details of the U. S. intelligence communities substantive exploitation of the CHALICE mission).

d. United States Air Force participation in Project CHALICE including pilot recruitment procedures, reinstatement rights, SAC training and material support.

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e. Project contractual and development mechanisms and backstepping procedures, in addition to the interrelationships of CHALICE suppliers (to include the processing facility at Eastman-Kodak). Actual CHALICE intelligence collection hardware is downgraded from CHALICE to SECRET to permit full exploitation of technical advances by the U. S. defense community.

h. Intra-United States Government relationships in Project CHALICE activities.

i. All details concerning CHALICE operational concepts.

j. Performance characteristics of the U-2 aircraft are downgraded from CHALICE to SECRET.

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Recommendations in Paragraph 3 are APPROVED:

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